

Chapter 78, House Bill 149, directs the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to pension the widow of Lieut. Edgar Steinacker.

Chapter 126, Senate Bill 98, directs the Police Commissioner of Baltimore to pension Peter Schweikert, a former member of the Police Department.

I have the deepest and most profound sympathy for the widow of Sergeant Hunter, of the State Police, and the widow of Lieutenant Steinacker, of the Baltimore Police Department, whose husbands met with such regrettable and fatal accidents, but under the rulings of the Attorney-General, I find myself without legal justification for the approval of these bills. The Attorney-General advises me that all three bills are objectionable, on the ground that they attempt, by special act, to confer pensions on police officers or their dependents. He states that if the provisions of the general law are inadequate to cover cases of this kind, the General Assembly can, if it desires, amend them to do so but that the Constitution prohibits special Acts on subjects for which there is a general law.

General Gaither, Commissioner of Police for Baltimore City, is opposed to Chapters 78 and 126. For the above reasons, I have vetoed all three of these bills.

### PILOTS.

Chapter 117, Senate Bill 81, relates to the piloting of vessels through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and the Elk River.

The Pilots' Association of Maryland, represented by Capt. John S. Delano, National President of the Pilots' Association, and Capt. B. Richard Wysong, President of the Maryland Association, requested me to veto this bill. Since the Association sponsored the bill in the first instance, I have followed its recommendation and have vetoed it.

### RIVERDALE.

Chapter 69, House Bill 124, extends the limits of the town of Riverdale by including a part of the town of Hyattsville.

I am of the opinion that it is not proper to take a part of the town of Hyattsville and add to the town of Riverdale without referring the matter to the citizens of the two towns in the form of a referendum. I have, therefore, vetoed the bill.